PAPERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE BUBONIC PLAGUE.

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OFFICE OF THE PLAGUE COMMISSIONER IN MYSORE,
Dated Bangalore, 22nd April 1898.

Orders of the Plague Commissioner in Mysore on the arrangements necessary for the protection of the Chitaldrug-Bellary frontier passed on the Inspection Notes of the Superintendent of Police, Chitaldrug, and the remarks of the Deputy Commissioner of that District, dated 11th April 1898.

Bellary Town.

1. This is divided into two divisions under two Inspectors on Rs. 35+15, who each have under them a Hospital Assistant and an orderly.

2. Each division is again subdivided into four circles, each in charge of an Inspector on Rs. 15 with a peon and a toti under him. Every new comer from infected area is watched by these Inspectors for ten days after arrival, and suspicious persons are kept under observation in the Suspect Hospital erected for the purpose.

Bellary Frontier.

1. The river Tungabhadrá forms a natural boundary between Bellary and Dharwar on the west, and between Bellary and Hyderabad on the north.

2. The Bellary frontier from Harihar to Karnul (about 220 miles in length) is divided into 32 circles, each with an area of about 100 square miles, 5 to 10 miles in length and about 20 in depth.

3. Each circle is in charge of a Plague Inspector on Rs. 45+ 15+15 with a peon under him and over each group of four circles is a Plague Supervisor on Rs. 150+30+60.

4. It is the duty of these Inspectors and Supervisors to patrol their circles, inspecting the sanitary arrangements of the villages in them, and keeping a watch on all new comers into them seeing that those arriving from infected areas are provided with pass-ports and endeavouring to gain the earliest information of any case of plague imported over the frontier.

5. On each high road, a "Road Frontier Inspection Station" is established with :—

1 Hospital Assistant.	1 Sweeper.
2 Peons.	1 Gumasta.
1 Toti.	

Chitaldrug Frontier (Bellary side).

1. Chitaldrug is separated from parts at present affected by plague by about 220 miles.

2. The frontier extends 150 miles from Kondajji on the west to Bommagondanakere, Molakalmuru taluk, on the east.

3. Four main roads enter the district from the Bellary District—

(*a*) Bellary-Bangalore.	(*c*) Ujjani-Jagalur.
(*b*) Raidroog-Molakalmuru.	(*d*) Harpanahalli-Harihar.

4. (*a*) Police Stations and Ukkads at intervals of 2 to 3 miles now serve as a protection to the Bellary-Molakalmuru road, the first station being Tammenhalli sub-station.

(*b*) The Police head station at Molakalmuru protects the Raidroog-Molakalmuru road.

(*c*) The Police sub-station at Gadimakunte on the frontier protects the Ujjani-Jagalur road.

(*d*) The Harihar head station protects the Harpanahalli-Harihar road.

Additional Plague Preventive Measures necessary for Chitaldrug-Bellary frontier.

(i) To strengthen each of the above Frontier Police Stations on the said four main roads, *viz*:—

1. Sub-station at Tammenhalli,	3. Sub-station at Gadimakunte, and
2. Head station at Molakalmuru,	4. Head station at Harihar,

by the addition of two literate 1st Class Police Constables as has been done in Shimoga. The extra establishment for this purpose may be entertained at once and the fact reported to the Inspector General of Police for formal sanction being obtained.

(ii) (*a*) The frontier from Harihar to Molakalmuru is reported to be protected by a line of sub-stations and out-posts specified in the margin. Some of these have been recently opened in accordance with the Police revision scheme lately sanctioned by Government for the effectual watch and patrol of the frontier. Two literate constables should be set apart solely for Plague duty at each of these sub-stations and out-posts from the existing staff, or where this is not possible, by withdrawing men from other stations.

	Present strength.
1. Kondajji sub-station,	4 constables.
2. Alur.	
3. Anaji sub-station,	5 constables.
4. Bilchode, do	5 do
5. Siddayankote do	5 do
6. Gudimakunte do	6 do
7. Anabur ukkad do	2 do
8. Hiremallenhalli out-post	4 do
9. Mushtagandur.	
10. Chikolanahalli.	
11. Hangal sub-station,	5 constables.
12. Santebande do	4 do
13. Rampur do	12 do
14. Santegudda.	
15. Tammenhalli sub-station, & ukkad,	4 constables
16. Molakalmuru head station.	

(*b*) In places like Tammenhalli, which are sub-stations or out-posts and have also a ukkad, the services of the 'begars' at the ukkad may be utilized for duty in connection with plague. For other sub-stations and out-posts, one or two 'begars' may be employed for similar duties: the number and remuneration of such being reported for previous sanction.

(*c*) At each of the four Road Inspection Stations specified above, *viz.*, Tammenhalli, Molakalmuru, Gadimakunte and Harihar, and also at the sub-stations and out-posts on the frontier named in the preceding para, the Police should be supplied with (*a*) and (*b*) forms and instructed in their use. Their returns should be submitted daily to the Amildars of their respective taluks who will send a weekly abstract to the Police Superintendent; a monthly statement being submitted to this office by the Superintendent.

(*d*) The whole frontier should be placed under the charge of a 1st or 2nd Class Inspector with a horse allowance of Rs. 15 and special allowance of Rs. 20, whose duty would be to inspect the Frontier Inspection Stations to see that the Police there are watchful and working efficiently. He should also patrol the villages on the frontier checking at each village all new comers, finding out where they come from and noting any suspicious circumstances regarding their health.

(*e*) To help the Inspector, Patels on frontier taluks should keep a separate register to show all persons arriving at or passing through their villages. A copy of the entries in this register should be submitted weekly to the Amildar who should prepare therefrom a consolidated monthly return showing arrivals from infected areas into the District.

(iii) It is also necessary to establish at convenient places along the frontier as many Medical Inspection Stations where plague cases or suspicious cases can be treated or detained under observation as the Deputy Commissioner may consider necessary. Such Medical Inspection Stations should be at a convenient distance from the out-posts and sub-stations. A Hospital Assistant should be posted for duty at each, who should be supplied with a small stock of plague medicines and disinfectants. At each Medical Inspection Station a shed capable of holding five persons, size $9\frac{1}{2} \times 12$, according to the plan herewith sent should be erected for use as a detention shed or, if necessary, as a Plague Hospital. Each shed should be built on a sightly raised basement and the roof of each should be given a slope of at least 45°.

(iv) The Amildar of each taluk in which a Medical Inspection Station is established should arrange for a staff comprised of—

1 Toti.	1 Cook.
1 Waterman.	2 Peons.

to be available for immediate employment at any Inspection Station at which a plague case may be reported.

2. The Deputy Commissioner is requested to select localities for Medical Inspection Stations and report them to the Plague Commissioner.

3. For immediate requirements, Tammenhalli should be constituted a Medical Inspection Station at once and placed in charge of a Hospital Assistant with one peon to help him. The staff may be increased up to the scale above indicated when there is necessity for it.

4. These arrangements will be sufficient to protect the frontier; but in the event of plague making its appearance in the Bellary District, additional precautions should be taken by dividing the frontier, as is now done in Bellary, into circles of about 100 square miles each to be placed under smart Inspectors and Jamadars. The Amildars become in that case the Plague Supervisors for superintending and checking the work of the Inspectors and Jamadars in charge of the circles in their respective taluks.

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The following Notification issued by the Resident in Mysore is republished for general information:—

Notification No. 2040, *dated Bangalore, the* 19*th April* 1898.

With reference to this Office Notification No. 4723, dated the 9th November 1897 the Resident, with the concurrence of the Mysore Durbar, appoints Mrs. Simmons, diplomaed midwife and sick nurse, to be the Lady Inspecting Officer at Harihar during the absence on leave of the Lady Apothecary on special Plague duty.

By Order,

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First Assistant to the Resident.